

From: A New Zealand Prayer Book

*Each Candidate for baptism is presented individually by a sponsor or,  
In the case of a child, by a parent or godparent, who says:*

**I present N (my child) to be baptised  
and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.**

*The bishop or priest says*

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism.  
Believers' children have also been baptised so that with the help and  
Encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God  
Serve Christ all the days of their life.

*(Name)* How do you respond to the promise?

*Each candidate for baptism  
replies*

**I hear God's call and come  
for baptism,**

*The parents and godparents of each  
child reply*

**We hear God's call and ask  
for baptism**

*Bishop or priest says*

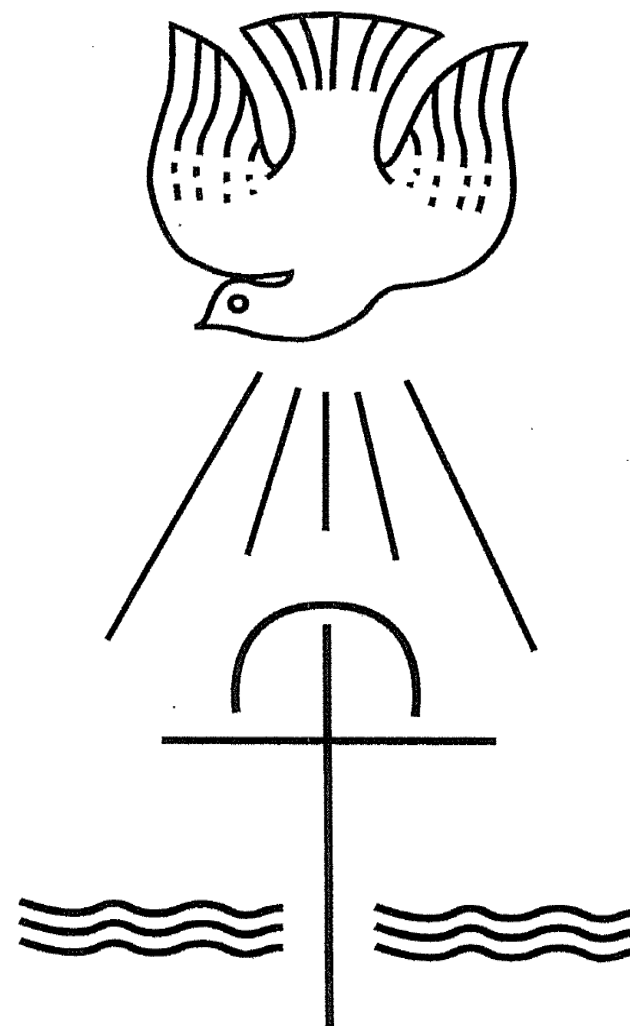
What is your faith?

**I believe and trust in God the Father, maker and sustainer of all  
Things; and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ; and in God  
The Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth. This is my faith.**

How then will you care for this child?

**Diocese of Waikato**

## **Application form**



# **BAPTISM**

APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

Name of Church and Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Baptism (To be filled on by the Minister) \_\_\_\_\_

Child's christian names- \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Father's full name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's full name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of Godparents \_\_\_\_\_

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\*At least one parent or guardian must be a Godparent. Other Godparents may be chosen, but should be baptised, preferably active in the life of the Church, and sign the declaration below:

Declaration by Godparents (to be signed by all Godparents, whether or not they will be present at the Baptism)

In presenting the above child for Baptism, and taking my part in the Baptismal promises.

Re affirming my own personal Christian faith and renewing my own Baptismal promises.

Taking responsibility for the spiritual growth of the child

Willing to help the child participate in the church's life.

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Where the child is to be Baptised in a parish other than where the family resides, the prior approval of the Minister of the Parish where the family lives is necessary. It is the parent's duty to see that the following declaration is signed by that Minister

DECLARATION of a Priest in whose parish the child resides: The parents are known/not known to me.

I will / will not be prepared to give them adequate instruction for the Sacrament of Baptism

Signed ..... Vicar of .....